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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Jose – Crackdown on Vietnamese Gang

(U) A crackdown on Vietnamese-American organized crime in San Jose spurred police raids stretching across the entire Bay Area, yielding nearly two dozen arrests, including a San Jose police officer, and a cache of drugs, weapons, gambling machines and one alligator. The six-month probe, spearheaded by the SJPD gang investigations unit, targeting a sophisticated gambling, extortion and drug trafficking ring run out of some of the myriad Vietnamese cafes across the city. Police announced 23 people were arrested and booked on charges ranging from extortion, public corruption, narcotic trafficking, assault, illegal gun possession and conspiracy. Six more suspects remain at large and are being sought on conspiracy, accessory after the fact, narcotics and gambling charges. Police believe the gang may be linked to at least two homicides.

SOURCE: 24 August 2016, [Mercury News](#)

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(U) Massachusetts – Police Investigating Explosion of LGBT Newspaper Box

(U) Salem - Police in Salem are investigating the detonation of an explosive placed inside a news box for an LGBT newspaper as a possible hate crime. The explosion of the Rainbow Times box was reported early Tuesday. Police say it shook the downtown area and was heard up to a mile away.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Minnesota – Bridge Collapse Survivor Charged with Joining ISIL

(U) Minneapolis - A Minnesota man who survived a 2007 bridge collapse in Minneapolis that killed over a dozen people has been charged with conspiring to support the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), federal prosecutors said yesterday. Mohamed Amiin Ali Roble, 20, is accused of traveling to Syria and joining the terror group just after he turned 18 — and using a more than \$91,000 settlement to fund them.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Washington – Jury Deliberates Case of Russian Man Charged with Hacking

(U) Seattle – The son of a Russian lawmaker made millions by hacking into US businesses to steal credit card information and selling that data to other criminals, a federal prosecutor told the jury during his closing argument on Wednesday. The victim businesses that form the basis of the charges, mostly pizza restaurants in Washington state, had to spend tens of thousands of dollars to fix their computers and lost business and customer trust because of the hacks, he said. The thefts resulted in almost \$170 million in credit card losses around the world.

SOURCE: 24 August 2016, [Yahoo News](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Kabul University Attack**

(U) Kabul – Twelve people, including seven students, were killed in an attack on the American University in Kabul that sent hundreds of students fleeing in panic, police said today, before the assault ended when two gunmen were shot dead. The attack began yesterday with a large explosion that officials said was a car bomb followed by gunfire, as suspected militants battled into the complex where foreign staff and pupils were working.

SOURCE: 24 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Columbia – Colombians Celebrate as Peace Deal is Reached with FARC Rebels

(U) Bogota – Hundreds of Colombians have celebrated an historic peace accord between the government and Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) rebels, signed after 52 years of conflict. The announcement was broadcast live yesterday from Havana, Cuba, where peace talks have been held for almost four years. The conflict has killed an estimated 260,000 people and displaced millions. Both sides have agreed to work together to address social exclusion, to deliver justice to the victims of the conflict and build a stable and enduring peace. The agreement comes after two years of secret talks and almost four years of formal negotiations.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, [BBC](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Member of UK Armed Forces Arrested in Northern Ireland

(U) London – A serving member of the British armed forces was arrested in England yesterday as part of an investigation into Northern Ireland-related extremism. The 30-year-old was arrested in Somerset, southwest England, on suspicion of being involved in preparation for acts of terrorism, police said in a statement. Police said there was no intelligence to suggest an immediate threat, and that an address and a wooded area in south Devon were being searched in connection with the inquiry.

SOURCE: 24 August 2016, [Reuters](#)

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